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Michael Spencer, son of John Alice Spencer, married Elizabeth, maiden name not known, & resided in England.

Issue: Gerard and others.

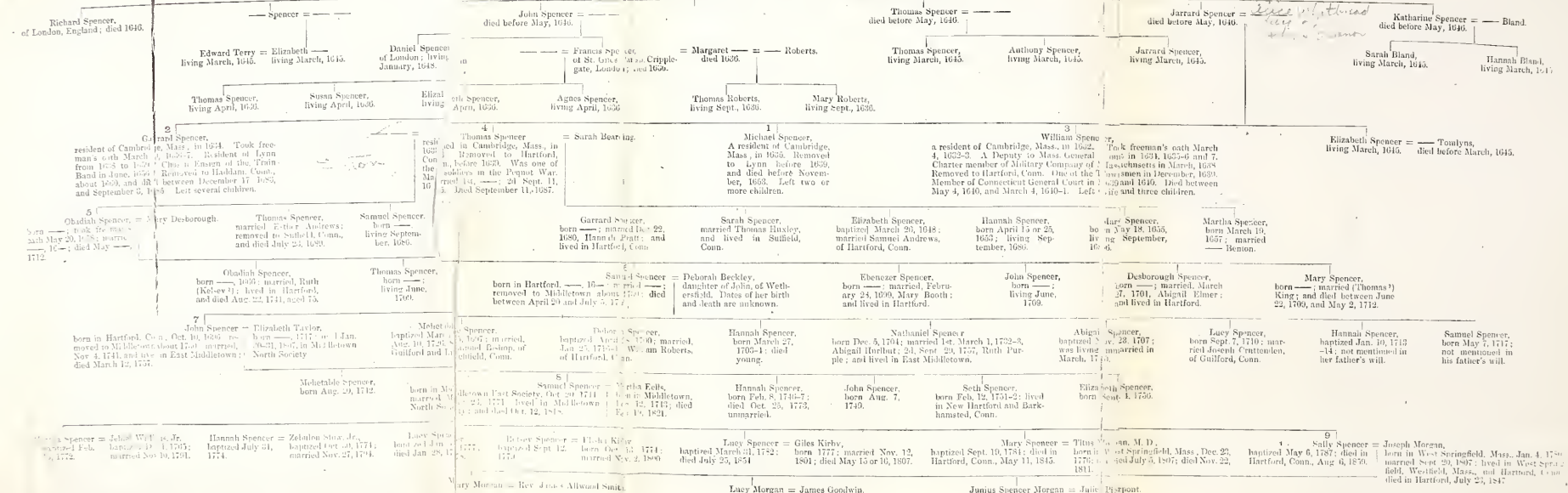
Gerard Spencer, son of Richard & Elizabeth Spencer, was baptised in Winstford, England, 20, 1575 and married Elizabeth, maiden name not known.

Issue: William, Richard, Michael, Elizabeth, John, Thomas, & others.

William, son of Richard & Elizabeth Spencer, baptised 10. 11. 1601 and with brothers & sisters, Thomas & others, son & daughter to the same.

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SPENCER PEDIGREE.





THE  
THOMAS SPENCER FAMILY

OF  
HARTFORD, CONNECTICUT

IN THE LINE OF  
SAMUEL SPENCER  
OF  
CROMWELL, CONNECTICUT  
1744-1818

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## PREFACE.

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THE following paper on the SPENCER FAMILY is the result of a careful examination of the Colonial Records of Massachusetts and Connecticut. The records of Middlesex and Essex Counties, and of Cambridge, Lynn, and Salem, Massachusetts, Hartford, Haddam, Middletown, and Cromwell, Connecticut. The early pages of this sketch could not have been written but for the researches in England of the eminent antiquary, Henry F. Waters, of Salem. We are also indebted for favors and valuable assistance to Charles J. Hoadly, LL.D., State Librarian of Connecticut, Hon. Richard P. Spencer, of Deep River, Connecticut, and others.

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AMONG the wills proved before the Prerogative Court of Canterbury, at London, were those of FRANCIS SPENCER and wife MARGARET, of the parish of St. Giles, without Cripplegate, London, and RICHARD SPENCER, of London. For an abstract of these wills, as printed in the New England Historical and Genealogical Register, Vol. 46, p. 435, and Vol. 45, p. 231, we are indebted to the famous antiquary, Mr. Henry F. Waters: —

“ Francis Spencer of St. Giles without Cripplegate, London, citizen and brewer of London, 7 April 1636, proved 21 October 1636. My son Thomas Spencer shall, immediately after my decease, have, hold and enjoy, to him and his heirs forever all my houses, lands, tenements and hereditaments &c. in Hitchin, Herts, which for the most part I have already estated him in. To my three daughters, Susan, Elizabeth and Agnes, each, three-score six pounds, thirteen shillings and fourpence, at one and twenty or day of marriage. Other provision for son and daughters. The residue to wife Margaret whom I make and ordain full and sole executrix. And I appoint my uncle Richard Spencer, citizen and haberdasher of London and brother Daniel Spencer, citizen and grocer of London, to be overseers.”

One of the witnesses was Richard Milton, scrivener.

Book, Pile 106.



Margaret Speneer, late wife and executrix of Francis Speneer of Goulding Lane in the parish of St. Giles Cripplegate, London, ale brewer, 21 September 1636, proved 31 October 1636. My body to be laid in the parish church of St. Giles, close by my said last husband. All my goods to Thomas Roberts and Mary Roberts, my son and daughter at 21 or days of marriage. My brother Thomas Marler of Lydeard, Wilts. clerk, to be sole executor.

Book, Pile 101.

Richard Speneer of London, gent. 17 March, 1645, with a codicil bearing date 29 May, 1646, proved 8 June, 1646. To Thomas Speneer, son of my brother Thomas Speneer, all my copyhold lands and tenements by me purchased of the creditors of Walter Marston, situate in Kingsbury Street near St. Albans, in the co. of Hertford, in the parish of St. Michael. To Daniel Speneer of London, grocer, son of my brother John Speneer deceased, all those eight messuages or tenements, &c., lately by me purchased of John Gearing, grocer, from and after the decease of Margaret Greene of London, widow, situate in the parish of St. Margaret, Lothbury, in London. To Sarah Bland and Hannah Bland, daughters of my sister Katherine Bland deceased, and to Elizabeth Tomlyns, widow, daughter of my brother, Jarrard Speneer deceased, my messuage or tenement situate in Grace Church Street, near the great Inn, called the Crosse Keys, late in the tenure of William Toone or his assigns, to be equally divided between them, by the rents, issues, and profits thereof during their natural lives. And after the decease of the said Elizabeth Tomlyns and Hanna then I give and devise the said messuage and tenement unto the said Sarah Bland and her heirs forever. To the said Daniel Speneer all my lands and tenements in the counties of Kent and Essex, he to pay unto Anthony Speneer and Jarrard Speneer, sons of my brother Thomas Speneer deceased, and unto the two children of Margaret Speneer deceased, now in or near London and at the disposing of Elizabeth Carter their



aunt, the sum of thirty pounds yearly during their natural lives, i. e. ten pounds per annum to the said two children or their guardians in their minorities, or the survivor of them, and ten pounds apiece to the said Anthony Spencer and Jarrard Spencer, to be paid unto them and their guardians by half yearly payments as the rent of the said lands and tenements shall grow to after my decease.

¶ Item I give and bequeath unto Jarrard Spencer, Thomas Spencer, Michaell Spencer, sons of my brother Jarrard Spencer deceased, the sum of fifty pounds apiece, and unto the children of William Spencer, son of my said brother Jarrard Spencer deceased, to be divided between them equally, the sum of fifty pounds, to be paid unto their guardians, and within two years next after my decease.

To Thomas Martyn and Mary his wife, now dwelling with me, the remaining term to come in my dwelling house and the hangings and pictures in the two rooms thereof, with all partitions in the upper rooms of it or elsewhere. To Edward Terrey vintner, my kinsman, one hundred and thirty pounds which he oweth me by bond. And I bequeath unto him and Elizabeth his wife, my sister's daughter, thirty pounds, within three years &c. The rest to Daniel Spencer whom I make and ordain sole executor.

Wit : John Norburie.

William Norburie

Book, Twisse 79.

Immediately following these abstracts in the Register is this note: "In the June Term of Essex County Court (Salem), 1671, in a trial of the case of John Ruck, Administrator versus Joseph Armitage, the following document was put in:

Boston : in New England ye 19 Jan'y, 1648.

Att thirty dayes sight of this my seacond bill of exchange (my first & third of the same tenour & date not being payed)





pay unto Mr Thomas Ruck, haberdasher, att the Beane Starres on London Bridge, or to his assignes, the some thirty pounds sterly & is part of the Legacy gyuen mee by n Unkle Richard Spencer & the payement hereof shalbee yo discharge for soe much at day, pray you make good payeme & place it to acco. : I say pay £30 : 00 : 00.

(Signed) Michael Spencer

The dyrection is — To my Louinge Cousen Mr. Danyell Spenser Grocer in Friday Streete in London

This bill was protested by Joshua Mainett, Notary and T bellion publick of London, who reported that “the said Dany Spencer answered that hee will pay noe monneyes nor haue doe with the say<sup>d</sup> bill of exchange.”

The above case was referred to the arbitration of Capt. Ro Spencer and Christopher Lawson.”

# 1.

From the foregoing bill of exchange, it will be seen that **MICHAEL SPENCER**, a legatee of Richard Spencer of London, and brother of Jarrard, Thomas and William, was living in New England in 1648.

Paige's History of Cambridge, Massachusetts, page 6 states that Michael Spencer owned land on the south side of the river, in that town, in 1635. His name appears among the list of “the inhabitants of the towne of Lynn to whom lands were granted in 1638. His name was fifth in the list, and he was given 30 acres.”<sup>1</sup>

We find this entry concerning Michael Spencer on Land Records of Hartford, Connecticut: —

<sup>1</sup> Essex County Court Papers, vol. 16, p. 77.



“ Land in Hartford upon Connecticut River belonging to Mikill Spencer and to his heirs forever.

One psill on which his dwelling house now standeth with other outthouses yerdes and gardins tharein being wich he bought of John Bidwell contain. by estimā three roodes be it more or les. abutting on the hyway leading to the mill on the South and on the Widow Bettes her land toward the West and on the burying place on the East, and on Seath Grantes land on the North.

One psill wich he boughtt of John Bidwell Contain. by Estimā. two roodes be it more or less being a lland Abutting on the River on the South & on a creek coming out of the River between that lland and the hyway on the North.”<sup>1</sup>

Whether he actually resided in this house or not it is impossible to determine; but if he did, it was not for any great length of time, as about February, 1646, or soon after, he sold the house and lot to Peter Busicer.<sup>2</sup> He died some time prior to November, 1653, at which date is this entry on the Court Records of Essex County, Massachusetts:—

“ 9th month 1653. No 32. The Administrat<sup>n</sup> of the estate of Mikill Spencer is grainted to Garrod Spencer of Linn & he is to bring in an inventory of his Estate the next Court.”<sup>3</sup>

“ 6th of 1st mo. 1653-4. No. 67. Garrard Spencer brought into this Court an Inventory of 22<sup>3</sup> 4s. 10d. of *his Brother Michael Spencer* & Bush — onions at sea ventured & debts 10<sup>0</sup> this Court doth Joyne Capt. Will<sup>m</sup> Trask of Salem w<sup>h</sup> ye the saide Garrard Spencer for the disposing of ye Estate for the bringing up of the children of ye said Michael Spencer.”<sup>3</sup>

“ 30th of 9th mo 1654. No. 38. Whereas there is in the

<sup>1</sup> Hartford, Conn., Land Records. Book of Distributions, p. 457.

<sup>2</sup> *Ibid.*, p. 339.

<sup>3</sup> Essex County, Mass., Court Records, vol. 1648-55.



hand of Thomas Robins of Salem of ye estate of Michaell Spencer deasead a bill of 52s. 6d & 2 ewes w<sup>th</sup> ye rent of y<sup>m</sup> for one yeere & a Rugg of 18<sup>s</sup>. The Court doth order and agree w<sup>th</sup> the Consent of Garrard Spencer administrat<sup>r</sup> to ye estate of ye s<sup>d</sup> Michall \* \* \* \* In consideration of a child of the s<sup>d</sup> Michall put unto him to bring upp, until he be 21 yeers old w<sup>h</sup> child by name is Michaell Spencer of about 6 yeers old." <sup>1</sup>

## 2.

GARRARD, Gerard, Garret, Gerret, Jarret, or Jarrard SPENCER, as the name was variously spelled, was admitted one of the freemen of the Colony of Massachusetts Bay "the 9<sup>th</sup> of the first m<sup>o</sup> 1636 or 1637." <sup>2</sup> He was a resident of Cambridge in 1634, and owned land on the south side of the river.<sup>3</sup> He soon removed to Lynn, and at "A Generall Courte, houlden at Boston, the 13<sup>th</sup> of the First Month @ 1638," "Garret Spencer is granted the ferry at Linn for 2 yeares, taking 2<sup>d</sup> for a single pson to the furthest place, & but a 1<sup>d</sup> a pson for more to the furthest place, & but a 1<sup>d</sup> for a single person to the nearest place." <sup>4</sup> He was one of the Jurymen from Lynn at a County Court held the 25 of the 10 month, 1638. In 1653 he was appointed administrator on the estate of *his brother Michael Spencer* of Lynn (see page 9). In June, 1656, he was chosen Ensign of the train band of Lynn,<sup>5</sup> and in 1659 Grand Juror for Lynn.<sup>6</sup> He soon after removed to Haddam, Con-

<sup>1</sup> Essex County, Mass., Court Records, vol. 1618-55.

<sup>2</sup> Mass. Colonial Records, vol. 1, p. 372.

<sup>3</sup> Paige's History of Cambridge, p. 659.

<sup>4</sup> Mass. Colonial Records, vol. 1, p. 253.

<sup>5</sup> Essex County, Mass., Court Papers, vol. 3, p. 50.

<sup>6</sup> Ibid., vol. 5, p. 71.



necticut, and in March, 1660-1, Simon Lobdell sued him and his daughter Hannah for damages, because she refused to marry Lobdell as she had promised.<sup>1</sup>

May 15, 1679, "Ensign Jerard Speneer of Haddam in Connetticot" sold to Captain George Corwin, of Salem, "two p'cells of land in Salem afores'd containing twenty five acres, be it more or less, twenty acres whereof lyeth within fence & in a greater p'cel containing the whole forty acres & is bounded on the great pond on ye east the rocks on ye northwest. Linn bounds on ye southwest, a swamp northeast & five acres on ye west side of ye pond."<sup>2</sup>

His will, which was made December 17, 1683, was presented for probate September 3, 1685.<sup>3</sup> The precise date of his death and age are unknown.

### 3.

WILLIAM SPENCER is one of the eight men who are recorded as inhabitants, in 1632, of the young settlement of New Town, afterwards Cambridge.<sup>4</sup> March 4, 1632-3, he took the freeman's oath, and was a Deputy to the General Court in March, 1634 and 35, September, 1636, April, May, and September, 1637, and March, 1637-8. In March, 1636-7, he was appointed "lieutenant of the military company of Newetowne," and was one of the five persons named in the charter of the "Military Company of Massa-

<sup>1</sup> Records of Conn. Particular Court, vol. 2, p. 146.

<sup>2</sup> Essex County, Mass., Land Records, vol. 3, p. 44.

<sup>3</sup> Hartford, Conn., Probate Records, vol. 4, pp. 111 and 225.

<sup>4</sup> Paige's History of Cambridge, p. 3.





chusetts" which was granted by the General Court in March, 1638.<sup>1</sup>

He soon removed to Hartford, Connecticut, where "At a Generall Meeting of the whole Towne the 23<sup>th</sup> Decem<sup>br</sup> 1639. Their was then chosen to order the affayrs of the Towne for one yeare, William Westhood William Spencer Nathaniel Warde John Moody."<sup>2</sup>

He is believed to have been the "Mr. Spencer" who was one of the Committee or Deputies to the General Court of Connecticut in April, August, September, and January, 1639, and April, 1640.<sup>3</sup>

In his will, which is dated May 4, 1640, and was probated March 4, 1640-1, he mentioned his wife, son Samuel, daughters Sarah and Elizabeth, and appointed "my Cosen Mathew Allen, my brother John Pratt and John Taylecoate \* \* \* shall hane the Onersight of my Estate."<sup>4</sup> In the inventory of his estate there is mentioned "land yet remayneing at Concord in the Bay."<sup>5</sup>

June 24, 1650. "This Courte taking into Consideracon the estate of William Spencer deceased with the Information of the ov'seers In the presenee of *Thomas Spencer Brother to the said William*, with the Consent of the wife of William Edwards: they doe Judge that 30<sup>l</sup> is as much as the Estate here will bare to bee Sequestered for the use of the Children w<sup>ch</sup> is to bee paid to them according to the will of the said William

<sup>1</sup> Mass. Colonial Records, vol. 1, pp. 135, 161, 178, 190, 191, 194, 201, 220, 251.

<sup>2</sup> Hartford, Conn., Town Votes, vol. 1, p. 13.

<sup>3</sup> Conn. Colonial Records, vol. 1, pp. 27, 29, 31, 41, 46.

<sup>4</sup> *Ibid.*, pp. 419, 450, 451.

<sup>5</sup> This was probably part of the grant of "300 acres of ground beyond Concord by the "Alewife River" made to him by the General Court of Massachusetts in May, 1638. Mass. Colonial Records, vol. 1, p. 228.



Spencer, provided that sufficient security bee given in to the satisfaction of the overseers for the payment of the debts of the said William Spencer, and the aforesaid sum of 30<sup>l</sup> to the said Children as aforesaid: And provided also that whatsoever shall bee paid here or in England of any Estate due to the wife of the said William Spencer while Shee was the wife of William Spencer, or that shall come from Concord: two thirds thereof shall bee and remaine to the proper use of the Children aforesaid."<sup>1</sup>

## 4.

In Volume 1, of the Proprietors Records of Cambridge, Massachusetts, under date of 1635, it is recorded: —

We whose names are under subscribed, being chosen by the freemen of Newtowne do according to the Order of Court enter the houses and lands of the inhabitants thereof in this book appointed for that purpose.

1635 THOMAS SPENCER in the town one house with a garden plot and backside, about one rood John Haynes Esq on the Southeast, Long Street Southwest, Creek Lane Northwest, Spring Street Northeast.

More, in small lot hill about two acres, Richard Lord southwest, Sam Dudley on the Southeast, Nathaniel Richards Northeast, the highway to the common pale northwest.

More, in the neck about one acre, the highway to the oyster bank on the northeast, John White northwest, Will Spencer southwest, James Olmstead southeast.

More, in the same neck about one acre John White northwest, John Prince southwest, James Olmstead northeast, William Spencer northwest.

<sup>1</sup> Coun. Particular Court Records, vol. 2, p. 10.



He is supposed to be the Thomas Spencer who took the freeman's oath May 14, 1634.<sup>1</sup> Paige's "History of Cambridge," page 659, states that he was a resident of Cambridge as early as 1633, and his name appears among the list of persons who were to build a "pale" or fence around the common lands.<sup>2</sup>

In 1639 he had become a resident of Hartford, Connecticut, as is shown by the following: —

Febr Anno Dom 1639

Severall parcells of land in Hertford upon the river of Connocticott belonging to Thom: Spencer Serj: at armes & to his heires forever.

Viz: One parcell on which was his dwellinge house now standeth w<sup>th</sup> yard & gardens therein beinge we<sup>h</sup> was sequestered for Thom: ffisher & is nowe settled on Thom: Spencer p<sup>r</sup> whereof he hath sold to Willm Spencer & now remaineth by Estimacon one acre (more or lesse) abuttinge upon the Centinell hill on the South & upon Rob<sup>t</sup> Dayes on the East & Willm Kelsyes land on the North & Rich: Churches land on the West.

One parcell in the westfeild containing by Estimation one acre two roods (more or lesse) abuttinge upon the highway leading from the Cow pasture to Mr Allens land on the East & Nath: Elyes land on the West & Thom: Woodfords land on the South & the highway to the brickell on the North.

One parcell lyinge in the Souldiers feild containinge by Estimacon three roods (more or lesse) abuttinge upon the riveret on the East & on the swampe on the West & on John Brunsuns land on the South & on Thomas Hales land on the North.

One parcell lyinge in the North Meadow containinge by Estimacon foure acres (more or lesse) abuttinge upon the little

<sup>1</sup> Mass. Colonial Records, vol. 1, p. 369.

<sup>2</sup> Paige's History of Cambridge, p. 11.



river on the west & Rich: Webbs land on the East & Thom: Lords land & Willm Lewis his land on the South & on Thom: Birchoods land on the North.

One parcell lying on the East side of the great river containing by Estimacon one acre two roods (more or lesse) abutting on the great river on the west & on Arthur Smiths land on the South & on the Brooke falling into Hockanum Riverett on the East & on Willm Hides land on the North.

Another parcell on the East side of the great river containing by Estimacon one acre (more or lesse) which is a parcell of that which was sequestred for Mr Woolecott abutting upon Thom: Scotts land on the west & on John: Baysees land on the East & on Math: Marvens land on the South & on Thom: Scotts land on the North.

Another parcell lying on the East side of the great River containing by Estimacon foure acres (more or lesse) which he bought of Willm Spenser for a parcell of land wch lay in the middle ox pasture & contained seaven acres two roods & was parcell of the said Thom: Spencers land wch foure acres abut-teth on the Great river on the West and on Willm Spencers land on the South & East & the swamp now common on the North.

One parcell in the cow pasture containing by Estimacon three acres, two roods, (more or lesse) which cow pasture abut-teth on the west field & on Thom: Standlyes land & on Richard: Goodmans land & on the pine field on the South & on the land now common on the North: & on the little ox pasture on the West & the necke of land on the East.

One psill lying in the cow pasture contain by estimã five acres & twenty paches: be it more or less abutting on hywayes on the East & on the West & on Thomas barchardes Land on the South & on            land on the North.

One psill lying in the littell ox pasture wch he bought of Nath yela for Land belonging to the sayd Thomas Spencer lying in the west field contain by estimã five acres be it more





or les Abutting on the cow pasture on the East & on a hyway lying North & South in that ox pasture on the West & on Nickolas Laribes Land on the South & on Thomas Standleas land on the North.

One p sill lying in the littell ox pasture wich he Recaived of Richard goodman for land belonging to the sayd Thomas Spencer: contain by estiñ fower acres & two Roodes be it more or less Abutting on the cow pasture on the East & on a hyway Lying North & South in thatt ox pasture on the West & on Edward Elmers land on the North.

Febr: 24 1653 One peell Lying in the little ox pasture wch hee bought of Ric: Goodman cont by estimacon twee acres (more or less) abutting upon the Cow pasture on the East & on the highway lying North & South in that Oxe pasture on the West & on John Maynards land on the North & upon land of his owne on the South.

Febr: 24, 1653.

More one pcell lying on the East side of the gr: Riv<sup>r</sup> wch hee bought of Joseph Eston cont by estimacon four acres (more or less) abutting on the gr: Ryver on the West & on M<sup>r</sup> Oleotts land on the East, & on Ric: Church his land on the North & upon M<sup>r</sup> Moodies land on the South."<sup>1</sup>

At a Particular Court held March 7, 1649-50, the appointment of Thomas Spencer as one of the sergeants of Hartford was confirmed.<sup>2</sup> He was chosen one of the chimney viewers of Hartford in 1650, Constable in 1657, and Surveyor of Highways in 1672. From the fact that he owned a piece of land in the Soldiers' Field, it is believed that he served in the Pequot War of 1637, as none but the soldiers of that war had grants made to them of

<sup>1</sup> Hartford, Conn., Land Records, Book of Distributions, p. 155.

<sup>2</sup> Records of Particular Court, vol. 2, p. 2.



that land.<sup>1</sup> Also we find that the General Court of Connecticut in May, 1671, granted him sixty acres of land "for his good service in the country."<sup>2</sup>

He was twice married. Of the first wife nothing is known. He married, second, September 11, 1645, SARAH BEARDING, daughter of Nathaniel Bearding, of Hartford.<sup>3</sup>

Sergeant Thomas Spencer died September 11, 1687, having evidently outlived his wife, as no mention is made of her in his will, which is to be found in Volume 4, pages 262 and 263, of Hartford Probate Records.

A County Court held at Hartford October 26, 1687

"The last will & Testament of Sarg<sup>t</sup> Tho Spencer together w<sup>th</sup> an Inventory of his estate was exhibited In court proved & ordered to be recorded & approved by the court.

I Thomas Spencer Senio<sup>r</sup> of Hartford being at p'sent in Good & sound understanding not knoweing how soone I may be removed hence by death & finding the shadowes of the evening are stretching over me canot but Judg that council of the prophet very seasonable set thy house in order, &c. I doe therefore make orlavn & appoynt this followeing to be my last Will & Testament hereby makeing Null & voyd all former wills & Testaments by me made whither by word or writing.

first I commit my soule to God In Jesus Christ my dear savior & redeemer from whom alone I expect saluation & an Inheritance among the Sainets in Light my body to the earth to be decently buried in the comon burying place.

<sup>1</sup> Seavey's Hartford in the Olden Time, pp. 116, 117.

<sup>2</sup> Colonial Records of Connecticut, vol. 2, p. 150.

<sup>3</sup> Nathaniel Bearding, in his will, dated January 7, 1673, mentions "son in law Thomas Spencer the elder." "Sarah Spencer Hannah Spencer Mary Spencer & Martha Spencer the four Daughters of Thomas Spencer the Elder." "Jarrett Spencer my Grand Child whoe is the son of Thomas Spencer the Elder." Hartford, Conn., Probate Records, vol. 3, p. 137.



for that estate God hath blessed me with, I bequeath & dispose of it as followeth, — when my Just debts & Funerall expences are fully satisfied & payd To my eldest son Obadiah I give my housing & land In Hartford all my lands both meadow & upland on the west side & east side of connecticut River within the Bownds of the Township of Hartford to be to him his heires & assignes Imediatly after my deceasse & from thence forever he paying out such legacies as I shall appoyntt by this my will.

I give unto my sayd son allso one cupboard And Irons warming pan old fann Two forckes peasHook Two axes & an old Ilce.

I give unto my son Thomas the sume of fifteen pownds whereof he hath allready received five pownds. & Obadiah shall pay Ten pownds more to him or his heires in curreant pay corn or cattell, to be payd within Two or Three yeares after my decease as he shall be able.

I give unto my son Samuel (he haveing receed a Good portion of his Unchell) all my wearing apparell of all sorts & kinds.

I give unto my son Jarrad my shop & tooles & Twelve pownds, all which are in his hands & I have possest him with them allready.

The rest of my moveable estate I give unto my five daughters, Sarah Elizabeth Hannah Mary & Martha to be equally divided to them by their Brother my son Jarrad. I doe make my son obadiah Spencer executor of this my last will & Testament & that he may have a refuge to repayre unto for advice If any difficulty should befall him in the execution of my will I desire Capt<sup>n</sup> Jn<sup>s</sup> Allyn Lu<sup>t</sup> Caleb Standly & my cousin Samuel Spencer to be overseers whom I desire to assist my s<sup>d</sup> executor w<sup>th</sup> their best advice as occasion may call for it. finally I leave all my children with the Lord & desire his blessing may be their portion, that they may love & serve him & live in love & peace one with another when I shall be gathered to my fathers



& for the confirmation of this my will & Testament I have hereunto set my hand this 9<sup>th</sup> of September 1686.

Thomas T. S. Spencer  
his marke

S<sup>d</sup> Tho Spencer signed & declared  
the above written to be his last  
will & Testament In p<sup>r</sup>ence of us

John Allyn  
hannah Allyn

An Inventory off the Estate of Sejegt Thomas Spencer who deceased the 11<sup>th</sup> of Septemb<sup>r</sup> 1687 taken by us whose names are under written

Imprimas, By Linnin and wollen Apparell hat & shoes & stockings . . . . .	£	s	d
	05	04	00
By one Cnberd 15 <sup>a</sup> a warming pan 12 <sup>s</sup> Andians 14 <sup>s</sup>	02	01	00
By two Axes 7 <sup>a</sup> a ffan flörke tine & pese hooke & how . . . . .	00	14	00

The other movable Estate was distributed by him selfe and delivered to his daughters most off itt in his life time and the Remainder before the Inventory was taken as his Executor gave the acc<sup>t</sup> of s<sup>d</sup> estate

By Six Acres off Land on the East side Conetieutt River att 10 <sup>th</sup> p achor . . . . .	60	00	00
By ffower Acres off land in the Long meadow . . . . .	20	00	00
By ffower Acres off woodland . . . . .	02	00	00
By his home Lot and Howsing . . . . .	50	00	00
Totall . . . . .	£139	19	00

Taken by us Caleb Stanly  
Aaron Cooke.

Hartford, Conn.. Probate Records, Vol. 4, pp. 131, 262, 263.





CHILDREN OF THOMAS AND			SPENCER.
5. I.	OBADIAH, b.	m.	Mary Desborough.
II.	THOMAS. "	m.	Esther Andrews, and lived in Suffield.
III.	SAMUEL, "		living Sept., 1686.

CHILDREN OF THOMAS AND SARAH (BEARDING) SPENCER.<sup>1</sup>

I.	GARRARD, b.	m. Dec. 22, 1680, Hannah Pratt, and lived in Hartford.
II.	SARAH, "	m. Thomas Huxley of Hartford and Suffield.
III.	ELIZABETH, "	bap. Mar. 26, 1618; perhaps m. Samuel Andrews of Hartford
IV.	HANNAH, "	Apr. 15, 1653, Colony Record. Apr. 25, 1653, Town Record.
V.	MARY, "	May 18, 1653.
VI.	MARTHA, "	Mar. 19, 1657; perhaps m. Benton.

## 5.

OBADIAH SPENCER, son of Sergeant Thomas Spencer (4), was admitted a freeman by the General Court of Connecticut May 20, 1658.<sup>2</sup> In October, 1669, he resided on the north side of the Little River in Hartford.<sup>3</sup> He was elected one of the fence viewers in 1687, 1693, and 1694. He married (date unknown) MARY DESBOROUGH, daughter of Nicholas Desborough,<sup>4</sup> of Hartford. The dates of her

<sup>1</sup> See page 17 for footnote relating to will of Nathaniel Bearding.

<sup>2</sup> Colonial Records of Connecticut, vol. 1, p. 315.

<sup>3</sup> Ibid., vol. 2, p. 518.

<sup>4</sup> Immediately following the record of the inventory of Nicholas Desborough's estate is this entry: "his children are Obad: Spencer's wife Sam: Egleston's wife, John Kely's wife, Robt flood's wife." Hartford Probate Records, vol. 4, p. 155.



birth and death are not recorded. Obadiah Spencer died between the 2d and 26th of May, 1712, as is shown by the following : —

A Court of Probate holden at Hartford for the County of Hartford June 2<sup>d</sup> Anno Dom 1712

John Spencer of Hartford Exhibited now in this Court the last Will and Testament of his late Father Obadiah Spenceer late of Hartford dec<sup>d</sup> and Mrs Abigail Stanly of Hartford Widow one of the Witnesses to the said Will was now Sworn thereunto in manner accustomed and also that she saw her late Husband Mr Caleb Stanly Jun<sup>r</sup> Sign the said Will as a Witness thereof at the time the Testatour did Sign the same. And also Mr Joseph Gilbert and John Church of Hartford, the Witnesses to the Codicill annexed to the said Will were now Sworn to the said Codicill in manner Accustomed (the said John Church omitting in his Evidence that he Heard the Testator declare & publish the said Codicill to be part of said Will) and the said Will with the Codicill, or Addition annext was proved, and by this Court is approved and allowed and ordered to be Recorded and kept on file. And the said John Spencer being appointed Executor of the said Will he now declared before this Court that he did accept that Office and Trust And the said John Spencer also Exhibited now in this Court an Inventory of the Estate of the said Obadiah Spenceer dec<sup>d</sup> upon his Oath in manner Accustomed which Inventory is Allowed and Ordered to be recorded and kept on file — And Disborough Spencer one of the Sons of the Said Obadiah Spenceer deed in behalf of himself and all the other of his Brethren except the said John Spencer) appealed from this Order of this Court respecting the probate of the Codicill annext to the said Will, unto the next Superior Court to be holden at Hartford on the Third Tuesday of September next Ensuing and before this Court the said Disborrow Spencer acknowledged himself to stand bound in a



Recognizance of Ten pounds Lawfull money unto the Treasury of this County Conditioned that he will prosecute his said appeal to effect and answer all Damages if he make not his plea good.

In the name of God Amen the two & twentieth day of June in the year of our Lord One Thousand Seven hundred and Nine I Obadiah Spencer Senior of the Town of Hartford, in the County of Hartford, in the Colony of Connecticut, in New England, Husbandman, being of good, perfect and Sound memory and Understanding, praised be Almighty God therefore, Do make and ordain this my present Will and Testament, containing therein my Last Will, in manner and form following. That is to Say, First I Commend my Self and all my whole Estate to the mercy and protection of Almighty God, being fully perswaded by his holy Spirit through the death and passion of Jesus Christ, to obtain full pardon and remission of all my Sinns and to Inherit Everlasting Life, to which the holy Trinity, one Eternall Deity be all Honour and Glory forever Amen. And I will and Ordain that all such debts as I shall happen to Owe at my decease, shall be well and truly paid by my Executor hereinafter named and that the Funeralls of my body be only such as shall beseeem a Christian, after the discretion of my said Executor, and my Said debts which I then shall owe being defalked and my funerall charges deducted. I Will that the residue of all and Singular my goods, Chattels, Lands and whole Estate be distributed and disposed as followeth. That is to Say, I Give, grant, devise and bequeath to Obadiah Spencer my Eldest Sonn, all that Homelott, with the Messuage or Tennement, Outhouses and Appurtenances, where he now dwells Seittuate, and being in Hartford aforesaid (for which I have formerly given him a Deed of Conveyance) And also the Southermost half part of my Lott of Land Comonly called the brick kill Lott Lying and being in Hartford aforesaid: To Have and To Hold the said Homelott, Messuage & Appur-



tenances, and the Said half part of the said Brick kill Lot to the Said Obadiah my Sonn, and his heires, forever.

Item. I give, grant, devise, and bequeath to Thomas Spencer my Sonn, all that my Lott of Land in the Meadow, on the East side of the great River in Hartford aforesaid, with the appurtenances, Excepting two Acres thereof, herein after given to Sonn John Spencer. To Have and to hold the Said Lott of Meadow Land (excepting the said two acres) to the said Thomas my Sonn and his heirs forever, he or they paying the Sum of Six pounds Lawfull money to my sonn Disbrow Spencer or his heirs, within one year after my decease.

Item. I give, grant, devise and bequeath to Samuel Spencer, my Sonn, all that Messuage wherein he now dwells, Standing & being on the North or Northward Side of the Homelott whereon I now dwell, in the Division of Land Usually called the Neck, in Hartford aforesaid. And also the North, or Northermost half part of my Said Home lott of Land adjoyning to the Long-Meadow on the East, (Provided always nevertheless, and my Will is that my Sonn John Spencer Shall have and Enjoy all that part of my Said Homelott at the West end thereof from the Street or Highway, Eastward Six rods in breadth; and from the South side thereof Northwards Ninefoot beyond, or to the Northward of my Barn, to him & his heirs forever) To have and To hold the said Messuage and Northermost part of the Said Homelott, to the Said Samuel my Sonn, and his heirs forever, he or they paying the Summ of Six pounds Lawfull money, to my Son Disbrow Spencer, or his heirs, within one year after my decease.

Item. I give, grant, devise and bequeath to Ebenezer Spencer my Sonn, all that my Lott of Land lying and being in the aforementioned Long Meadow in Hartford aforesaid, at a place called Hobs hole (for which I have formerly given him a deed of Conveyance) To Have and to hold the Said Lott of Land with the Appurtenances, to the Said Ebenezer my Sonn and his heirs forever. Also I give and bequeath to my said





Sonn Ebenezer and his heirs the Sum of three pounds Lawfull money, to be paid to him or his heirs within two years next after my decease by my two Sonns Samuel and John Spencer, or their heirs in equal halves.

Item. I give, grant, devise and bequeath to John Spencer my Son, all that my Messuage or Tennement wherein I now dwell, and my Barn and Outhouses with the Appurtenances, And also all the residue, or Southermost half part of my homelott and Barnyards & Fruit Trees not herein before given to my Sonn Samuel, And also two acres of my Meadow Lott of Land on the East side the great River in Hartford aforesaid, to be Measured off of the Said Lott (taking the whole bredth thereof) from the Highway or path near the Said River, Eastward so farr as it shall extend. To Have and To hold the Said Messuage, Outhouses, Southermost part of the said Homelott, and two Acres of Meadow Land, with their appurtenances to the Said John Spencer my Sonn, and his heirs forever — Also I give and bequeath to my Said Sonn John Spencer and his heirs, One pair of Andirons, one Warming pan, and One Cupboard, which are already in his possession. And I doe also give, grant, devise and bequeath to the Said John Spencer my Sonn, All my Stock of Cattell and Creatures, Corn, Cloathing Moveable Estate, Lands, goods, Chattels, and all my Estate whatsoever not otherwise disposed of in this my last Will and Testament, To be to him and his heirs forever.

Item. I give and bequeath to Disbrow Spencer my Sonn, and his heirs, the Summ of twelve pounds Lawfull money, to be paid to him or them by my sons Thomas and Samuel Spencer, or their heirs (within one year next after my decease,) in equal halves.

Item. I give and bequeath to my Daughter Mary King and her heirs (besides what she hath already had and received of me) one good Cow and also all my bedding and household stuff, or Implements of Household within doors excepting one pair of Andirons, one Warming pan, and one Cupboard given to




John as aforesaid) to be paid and delivered to her, or her heirs, by my Executor hereinafter Named, within Six months after my decease. And I do hereby revoke, and make void and Null all other Wills and Testaments by me formerly made, And do Constitute, make, Ordain and Appoint my Aforenamed Loving Son John Spencer to be Whole and Sole Executor of this my Last Will and Testament.

And I do make and Ordain my Loveing Friends Mr Joseph Talcott and Caleb Stanly Jun<sup>r</sup> of Hartford aforesaid, Overseers of this my present Testament and Last Will.

In Witness whereof I, the Said Obadiah Spencer Senior have Subscribed this my last Will and Testament, with my own hand, and thereunto put my Seal, the aforesaid 22<sup>d</sup> day of June Anno Dom. 1709.

Signed, Declared & Delivered up by the Said Obadiah

Spencer Sen<sup>r</sup> in the pres- Obadiah <sup>his</sup>  Spencer Sen<sup>r</sup> +  
ence of us Witnesses <sub>mark</sub>

Caleb Stanly Jun<sup>r</sup>

Abigail Stanly.

Farther my will is That whereas in my will, I Gave To my Dought<sup>r</sup> Mary King Sun things which are there Expressed as a Cow and beding and other Things, my will is now, (That Since God in his Sovereaine pleasure hath Taken her out of this would by death) that my Sone John Spencer shall have all that I gave to her as is there expressed, To him and his heirs for Ever:

witness my hand herenunto set This second of May one Thousand Seven hundred and Twelve.

Signed and delivered

in presents of us

Joseph Gilbert

John Church

Obadiah <sup>his</sup>  Spencer Sen<sup>r</sup>  
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An Inventouery of the Estate of Obediah Spencer Sen<sup>er</sup> Late  
of Hartford desesd, is as followeth.

in his wareing clothes . . . . .	08 03 06
in two pillo bers and two napkins . . . . .	00 09 00
in a fether pillo and bolster . . . . .	00 13 00
in five bed blankets . . . . .	02 00 00
in one bedstead and eord . . . . .	00 13 00
in a bed . . . . .	01 03 00
in one puter plater and one small puter pot . . .	00 12 06
in wooden and earthen ware . . . . .	00 04 09
in one glas botell and one choping knife . . . .	00 02 00
in one payer of small stillyards a knife and one payer of tobaceo tongs . . . . .	07 00
in one bras cetell and one small iorn pot . . . .	01 12 00
in one Reele and two small chayrs all . . . . .	00 05 06
in one hetchel and old Lanthorn and part of a pay <sup>r</sup> of bellos all . . . . .	00 11 06
in one gun and one spit . . . . .	00 17 00
in one friing pan and one tramell and payer pot hoks all . . . . .	00 14 00
in five old dry cask and one old churn. one salt mor- tar one dytub, all . . . . .	16 00
in one kneeding trough and one old chest one sive all	00 07 00
in one bible and severall other small books and two pay <sup>r</sup> of spectels . . . . .	01 02 00
in one good eow . . . . .	03 00 00
in ten acors of Land Lying on the North side of his homlot . . . . .	035 00 00
in six or seven Acors of Land Lying in a place com- monly caled The brickel lot . . . . .	12 00 00
in three acors and half of Land Lying on the East Eand of his lot on the East side of the great River . . . . .	23 00 00
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This inventory was taken by Thomas Meakens  
and Joseph Barnard May 26, 1712.

Thomas Meekins

Joseph Barnard

Hartford, Conn., Probate Records, vol. 8, pp. 80, 131, 132,  
133.

CHILDREN OF OBADIAH AND MARY (DESBOROUGH) SPENCER.

I.	OBADIAH,	b.	1666; m.	Ruth Kelsey; lived in Hartford, and died Aug. 22, 1741, aged 75. <sup>1</sup>
II.	THOMAS,	"		living June, 1709.
6. III.	SAMUEL,	"	m.	Deborah Beckley.
IV.	EBENEZER,	"	m. Feb. 28, 1699,	Mary Booth, and lived in Hartford.
V.	JOHN,	"	perhaps m. Oct. 4, 1693,	Sarah Smith.
VI.	DESBOROUGH,	"	m. Mar. 27, 1701,	Abigail El- mer, and lived in Hartford.
VII.	MARY,	"	m.	(Thomas?) King.

6.

SAMUEL SPENCER (*Obadiah* 5, *Thomas* 4) was born in Hartford, Connecticut; but there is no record of the date of his birth or baptism, and of his early history almost nothing is known. He was elected one of the lay-wards for the North Meadow in 1709, 1711, and 1712. By the will of his father Obadiah, he inherited one half of the home-  
stead "in the Neck." This he sold, July 3, 1728, to

<sup>1</sup> Obadiah Spencer, in his will, dated February 27, 1733, mentions "wife's father, Mark Keley, deceased." Hartford, Conn., Probate Records, vol. II, p. 2.





Nathaniel Spencer<sup>1</sup> (probably his son, evidently in preparation for his removal to Middletown, where he had purchased, May 2, 1727, for £120, a tract of 83½ acres on the east side of the Connecticut River, near the village of Middle Haddam<sup>2</sup>). April 23, 1730, while still a resident of Hartford, he added to his lands in Middletown 191 acres,—this tract being 26½ rods wide and two miles long.<sup>3</sup> He soon removed to Middletown, and at a town meeting, held December 20, 1731, was elected a grand juror.

November 18, 1733, Samuel Spencer was admitted to full communion in the Congregational Church of the East Society in Middletown (now Portland), and the following month Corporal Samuel Spencer was elected one of the society's committee, which election was renewed the next year. He was one of the fourteen persons who organized the Haddam Neck Congregational Church, September 24, 1740, his name appearing third on the list.

His wife is believed to have been **DEBORAH BECKLEY**, daughter of John Beckley, of Wethersfield;<sup>4</sup> but the dates of her birth, marriage, and death are all unknown.

A Deborah Spencer was admitted to full communion in

<sup>1</sup> Hartford Land Records, vol. 1, p. 430.

<sup>2</sup> Middletown, Conn., Land Records, vol. 2, p. 133.

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid.*, vol. 2, p. 559.

<sup>4</sup> In the files of the Hartford, Conn., Probate Court, is the distribution of the estate of John Beckley, deceased, of Wethersfield, dated January 11, 1699, and the property was distributed to the widow (name not given), Robert Webster, Samuel Spencer, Matthew Caldwell, and the youngest daughter, Catharine. The Hartford Town Records show the marriage of Matthew Caldwell and Abigail Beckley, daughter of John, March 25, 1695. It is reasonable to believe that Robert Webster and Samuel Spencer also married daughters of John Beckley.



the Haddam Neck Congregational Church, December 14, 1740, and this may have been the wife of Samuel.

Samuel Spencer died between April 20<sup>1</sup> and July 5, 1756, leaving the following will:—

In the Name of God, Amen, this 3<sup>d</sup> Day of Aprill 1750, I Samuel Spencer of Middletown in the County of Hartford & Colony of Connecticut in New England, Gentleman being Aged & very Weak in Body but of Perfect Mind & Memory Thanks be given to God therefor. Calling to Mind the Mortality of my Body & knowing its Appointed for Man Once to Dye. Do make and Ordain this my Last Will & Testament that is to say principally & first of all I Recommend my Soul into the Hands of God that gave it, Hoping through the Merits Death & Passion of my Saviour Jesus Christ to have full & free Pardon of all my Sins & to Inherit Everlasting Life & my body I Commit to the Ground to be Decently Buried at the Discretion of my Executor hereafter Named Nothing Doubting but at the General Resurrection I shall Receive the same again by the Mighty Power of God and as touching such worldly Estate Wherewith it hath Pleased God to bless me with in this Life, I Give Demise & Dispose of the same in the following Maner & form that is to say.

First I Will that all those Debts that I Do owe in Right or Conscience to any Person shall be well & Truly paid in Convenient Time after my Decease by my Executor hereafter named.

Item. I Give to my Well-Beloved Son John Spencer, two thirds of my Land being the North Side w<sup>th</sup> my House & Barn & all my Moveable Estate not hereafter Disposed in these presents He paying such Legacies as are hereafter mentioned to be paid, to him & his heirs forever & also the other third

<sup>1</sup> See Middletown Land Records, vol. 14, p. 243, for a deed, dated April 20, 1756, whereby Samuel conveys to his son John "one half of my land where I now dwell."



of my Land when my Daughter Abigail shall Marrie or at her Decease to him & his heirs forever.

Item. I have formerly Given to my Beloved Son Nathaniel Spencer his Portion of my Estate as by a Deed on Record may more fully appear.

Item. I give to my Daughter Abigail Speneer the Use and Improvement of One third of my Land, being the South side so Long as she Remains unmarried. I also give to her One Cow & five sheep & all my Pewter & Brass, one small Iron Pot & an Iron Kittle & her Bed & furniture to her dispose for ever.

Item. I give to my Daughter Mehitable Bishop forty Pounds old Ten<sup>r</sup>.

Item. I give to my daughter Abigail Sixty pounds old Ten<sup>r</sup> to be p<sup>d</sup> to her when she shall Marrie.

Item. I give to my daughter Lucia Cretondon forty pounds Old Ten<sup>r</sup>.

Item. I give to my two Grandsons William & Aaron Roberts five Pounds to Each of them.

all the above Legacies I Order my Son John Spencer to pay in Convenient Time after my Decease. I also make & Ordain my two Sons John & Nathaniel Spencer my Executors of this my Last Will & Testament. And I Do hereby Utterly Disalow Revoke & Disanull All and Every former Will & Testament, Ratifying & Confirming this & no other to be my Last Will & Testament.

In Witness whereof I have hereunto sett my hand & seal the Day & Year above written.

Samuel Spencer L. S.

Signed Sealed Published Pronounced  
& Declared by the Said Sam<sup>l</sup> Spencer  
to be his Last Will & Testament  
in Presence of the Subscribers.

John Hubbard

Philip Goff

Ebenezer Darte.



Att a Court of Probate held in Middletown in & for the District of Middletown on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of July AD. 1756.

Then this Instrument was Exhibited in Court by Mess<sup>rs</sup> John & Nathaniel Spencer Said & Proved to be the Last Will & Testament of Sam<sup>l</sup> Spencer Late of Middletown Dec<sup>d</sup> w<sup>th</sup> Will this Court Accepts & Orders to be Recorded & kept on file & the Above Named John & Nathaniel Spencer Who was therein App<sup>d</sup> Executors to s<sup>d</sup> Will & Testament & John Spencer Accepted the Trust Reposed in him solely & Nathaniel Refused the Trust Reposed in him.

Teste Richard Hall Clerk.<sup>1</sup>

CHILDREN OF SAMUEL AND DEBORAH (BECKLEY) SPENCER.

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|-------|--------------|--|
| 7. I. | JOHN,        | b. Oct. 10, 1696; bap. Oct. 11, 1696; m. Nov. 4, 1711, Elizabeth Taylor.   |
| II.   | MHEETABLE, " | bap. Mar. 5, 1697-8; m. Aug. 10, 1726, Samuel Bishop, of Guilford and Litchfield, Conn.                                  |
| III.  | DEBORAH, "   | bap. Apr. 28, 1700; m. Jan. 25, 1716-17, William Roberts, of Hartford, Conn.   |
| IV.   | HANNAH,      | " Mar. 27, 1703-1.   |
| V.    | NATHANIEL, " | bap. Dec. 10, 1704; m. 1. Mar. 1, 1732-3, Abigail Hurlbut. 2. Sept. 29, 1757, Ruth Purple, and lived in East Middletown. |
| VI.   | ABIGAIL, "   | bap. Nov. 23, 1707; was living unmarried in March, 1770.   |
| VII.  | LUCY, "      | Sept. 7, 1710; bap. Sept. 10, 1710; m. Joseph Cruttenden, of Guilford.   |
| VIII. | HANNAH,      | " bap. Jan. 10, 1713-14.   |
| IX.   | SAMUEL,      | " May 7, 1717; bap. May 12, 1717.  |

<sup>1</sup> Middletown, Conn. Probate Records, vol. 1, p. 213.





## 7.

JOHN SPENCER (*Samuel* 6, *Obodiah* 5, *Thomas* 4) was born in Hartford, Connecticut, October 10, 1696. He is supposed to have removed to Middletown at the same time as his father. By the will of his father, which was made April 3, 1750, John received the gift of two-thirds of his land, with the house and barn, and the remaining one third subject to the use of Samuel's daughter, Abigail. April 29, 1756, his father deeded him "one half of my land where I now Dwell."<sup>1</sup> Evidently John was not a believer in early marriages, as he was 45 years of age when he married, November 4, 1741, ELIZABETH TAYLOR.

Who her parents were, or where and when she was born, it has been impossible to learn. In the absence of proof to the contrary, John Spencer is believed to have been a farmer. In December, 1740 and 1747, he was elected surveyor of highways, grand juror in 1745, and hayward in 1748. The Middletown Records state that he died March 12, 1756; but as he qualified as executor of his father's will, which was probated July 5, 1756, this date of death is at least one year too early.

Administration was granted on his estate to his widow Elizabeth, July 4, 1757, and the inventory, which is dated April 2, 1757, shows property to the value of £227 15s. 11d., of which the house, barn, and 70 acres of land were valued at £171.<sup>2</sup> The administration account was accepted by the Probate Court April 2, 1779, and distribution was ordered of  $\frac{5}{6}$  of the real estate of the deceased, — the remaining  $\frac{1}{6}$  being under the incumbrance of Abigail

<sup>1</sup> Middletown, Conn., Land Records, vol. 14, p. 263.

<sup>2</sup> Middletown, Conn., Probate Records, vol. 1, pp. 79-260.



Spencer, sister of the deceased. His widow Elizabeth is believed to have spent the last years of her life with her son Samuel in the North Society of Middletown, now the town of Cromwell.

On the records of the Cromwell Congregational Church is this entry : "1807, January 31. Died the Widow Spencer aged 89 years." On a gravestone in the Cromwell Quarry Burying Ground is this inscription : "In memory of Mrs Elizabeth Spencer relict of Mr John Spencer who died June 30<sup>th</sup> AD. 1807, AEt 90."

There is no entry on the Church records to correspond with the date of death on the grave stone. The entries on the Church records appear in the order of date. The entry following that of Widow Spencer is dated February 17. We know of no other Widow Spencer in Middletown whose death could have been intended by the entry on the Church records. We are therefore inclined to accept this entry as being the true date of the death of Elizabeth (Taylor) Spencer.

#### CHILDREN OF JOHN AND ELIZABETH (TAYLOR) SPENCER.

- I. MEDITABLE, b. Aug. 20, 1712; bap. Oct. 24, 1742.
8. II. SAMUEL, " Oct. 20, 1714; bap. Oct. 21, 1744; m. May 23, 1771. Martha Eells.
- III. HANNAH, " Feb. 8, 1716-7; bap. Feb. 15, 1747; d. Oct. 25, 1773, unm.
- IV. JOHN, " Aug. 7, 1719; bap. Sept. 10, 1749.
- V. SETH, " Feb. 12, 1751-2; bap. Apr. 12, 1752; lived in New Hartford and Barkhamsted, Conn.
- VI. ELIZABETH, " Sept. 4, 1756; bap. Sept. 12, 1756.



## 8.

SAMUEL SPENCER (*John* 7, *Samuel* 6, *Obadiah* 5, *Thomas* 4) was born in that part of the town of Middletown which lay east of the "Great River," October 20, 1744, and was baptized the following day.

February 19, 1771, he purchased in Middletown, North Society, now the town of Cromwell, for £88, two and one half acres of land, bounded north on land of Amos Savage, east on highway, south and west on land of Nathaniel Riley, with one half of the house thereon,<sup>1</sup> and six years later he purchased the other half of the house, and the same quantity of land adjoining on the south.<sup>2</sup> This property is believed to have been his homestead, and is situated on the west side of Main Street, and is the second house south of the one owned and occupied for many years by Capt. Edward Savage. The Spencer house had a gambrel roof, but within a few years has been very much altered, and its appearance greatly changed.

Samuel Spencer married, in Middletown (Upper Houses), May 23, 1771, MARTHA EELLS, born December 12, 1743, daughter of Nathaniel and Alice (White) Eells of Middletown.

At the annual town meeting, held December 13, 1784, he was elected to the office of tythingman, surveyor of highways in 1786, 1787, and 1788, grand juror in 1790; and from 1792 to 1806, both inclusive, he was elected leather sealer.

Samuel Spencer died in Middletown, October 12, 1818, only lacking a few days of being 74 years old. Martha (Eells) Spencer died February 19, 1821, aged 77.

<sup>1</sup> Middl-town, Conn., Land Records, vol. 25, p. 159.

<sup>2</sup> Ibid., vol. 25, p. 237.



## CHILDREN OF SAMUEL AND MARTHA (EELLS) SPENCER.

I.	MARTHA, b.	bap. Feb. 16, 1772; m. Nov. 10, 1791, Jehiel Williams, Jr.
II.	HANNAH, "	" July 31, 1774; m. Nov. 27, 1794, Zebulon Stow, Jr.
III.	LUCY, "	" Jan. 5, 1777; d. Jan. 28, 1778.
IV.	BETSEY, "	" Sept. 12, 1779; m. Nov. 2, 1800, Elisha Kirby.
V.	LUCY, "	" Mar. 31, 1782; m. Nov. 12, 1801, Giles Kirby.
VI.	MARY, "	" Sept. 19, 1784; m. July 5, 1807, Titus Morgan, M. D.
9. VII.	SALLY, "	" May 6, 1787; m. Sept. 20, 1807, Joseph Morgan, Jr.

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SALLY (SARAH) SPENCER (*Samuel 8, John 7, Samuel 6, Obadiah 5, Thomas 4*) was born in Middletown, North Society (now the town of Cromwell), Connecticut, April 8, 1787, and was baptized the 6th of May following. She married, September 20, 1807, JOSEPH MORGAN, JR., of Ireland parish, town of West Springfield, Massachusetts. He was the only son of Joseph and Experience (Smith) Morgan, and was born in that town January 4, 1780. Joseph Morgan, Jr., resided in his native place until 1815, when, soon after the death of his father, he went to live in the adjoining town of Westfield. On the first day of January, 1817, he removed to Hartford, Connecticut, and became the proprietor of the "Exchange Coffee House." In April, 1829, he leased the City Hotel, where he remained until November, 1835, when he retired from business. As one of the founders, a director, and large





owner of the Aetna (Fire) Insurance Company, of Hartford, he took an active interest in its development, which only ceased with his death in Hartford, July 23, 1847. Sarah (Spencer) Morgan died in Hartford, August 6, 1859.

CHILDREN OF JOSEPH AND SARAH (SPENCER) MORGAN.

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|------|------------------|---|
| I.   | MARY,            | born Nov. 19, 1808; m. July 16, 1832, Rev.<br>James A. Smith. |
| II.  | LUCY,            | " Feb. 4, 1811; m. July 30, 1832, James<br>Goodwin, Jr.       |
| III. | JUNIOUS SPENCER, | " Apr. 11, 1813; m. May 2, 1836, Juliet<br>Pierpont.          |



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